

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~To reduce the risk of damage to the refractory material, in particular caused by the formation of cracks and corrosion, the invention provides a unit, in particular a A~~
melting and/or refining unit and/or a distributor system and/or a channel system, for
conductively heatable melts (30), in particular glass melts, is provided. The melting
and/or refining unit ~~which~~ has a tank and at least one electrode (20), ~~the~~. The electrode
(20) ~~passing~~ passes through an opening in a wall (10) of the tank so as to be immersed
in the conductively heatable melt (30), ~~wherein the~~. The melting and/or refining unit has
an apparatus for reducing the local introduction of heating power into at least one
region adjacent to the electrode (20) ~~of the wall (10).~~